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# H. R. 1178

To amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for graduate medical education partnerships in States with a low physician-resident-to-general-population ratio.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2013

Ms. CASTOR of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Creating Access to  
5 Residency Education Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS**  
2 **IN STATES WITH A LOW PHYSICIAN-RESI-**  
3 **DENT-TO-GENERAL-POPULATION RATIO.**

4 Part B of title III of the Public Health Service Act  
5 is amended by inserting after section 317T (42 U.S.C.  
6 247b–22) the following:

7 **“SEC. 317U. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PARTNER-**  
8 **SHIPS IN STATES WITH A LOW PHYSICIAN-**  
9 **RESIDENT-TO-GENERAL-POPULATION RATIO.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Cen-  
11 ters for Medicare & Medicaid Services (in this section re-  
12 ferred to as the ‘Administrator’) shall make grants to, or  
13 enter into contracts with, eligible partnerships between  
14 State or local governments and private entities to support  
15 the creation of new medical residency training programs  
16 or slots within existing programs in underserved States  
17 in which there is a low physician-resident-to-general-popu-  
18 lation ratio.

19 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive Federal  
20 funding under this section, a partnership must consist  
21 of—

22 “(1) a State in which there are fewer than 25  
23 medical residents per population of 100,000 or a  
24 local government within such a State; and

1           “(2) a public or private entity consisting of a  
2           public or nonprofit teaching hospital or an accred-  
3           ited graduate medical education training program.

4           “(c) MATCHING FUNDING.—In awarding a grant or  
5           contract under this section, the Administrator shall in-  
6           clude a requirement of matching funds as follows:

7           “(1) The public or private entity must agree to  
8           provide one-third of the cost of the medical residency  
9           program or new slots in an existing program.

10           “(2) The State or local government must agree  
11           to provide one-third of the cost of the medical resi-  
12           dency program or new slots in an existing program.

13           “(3) To the extent and in the amounts made  
14           available in advance in appropriations Acts, the Ad-  
15           ministrator shall agree to provide the remaining one-  
16           third of the cost of the medical residency program  
17           or slots in an existing program.

18           “(d) PREFERENCES.—In awarding grants and con-  
19           tracts under this section, the Administrator shall give  
20           preference to the following:

21           “(1) Eligible partnerships in which the partici-  
22           pating State has 20 or fewer medical residents per  
23           population of 100,000 or the participating local gov-  
24           ernment is within such a State.

1           “(2) Eligible partnerships in which the State  
2           involved has a population exceeding 15,000,000 and  
3           has less than 10 percent of the Nation’s residency  
4           slots.

5           “(3) Eligible partnerships which fund new grad-  
6           uate medical education programs or slots within ex-  
7           isting programs in the field of family medicine, in-  
8           ternal medicine and its subspecialties, geriatrics, or  
9           pediatrics.

10          “(e) REQUIREMENTS.—The Administrator may es-  
11          tablish application processes and other requirements for  
12          partnerships to receive funding under this section includ-  
13          ing multiyear commitments to ensure the continued fund-  
14          ing of graduate medical education slots for residents in  
15          training.

16          “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
17          carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-  
18          priated \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2014, and such sums  
19          as may be necessary for fiscal years 2015 through 2019.”.

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